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Attn: Mr. Jason Smathers
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SUBJECT: FILE NUMBER F12-533

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This responds to your January 20, 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information pertaining to "ALL OGE Form 202, "Notice of Conflict of Interest Referral Form" received in calendar year 2011." Your request, along with information under the purview of this Service, was forwarded to us for processing by the Office of Government Ethics via the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. It was received in this office on March 9, 2012.

We are unable to provide you a final determination on your request within the 20 working day statutory time frame established by the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552 (as amended)). Accordingly, I find that we must invoke the ten additional working day extension provision established under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(iii) and Department of the Navy regulations published at 32 C.F.R. § 701.8(g)(2). Your request has been placed in our routine queue. At this time, we anticipate all releasable information will be provided to you in approximately 8 - 12 weeks.

Because this date is beyond the 20 working day time limit of the FOIA, I must inform you of your right to appeal to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered and should include a copy of your initial request letter plus a copy of this correspondence. Additionally, your appeal correspondence should include a statement as to why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal letter and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

In the alternative, should you agree to await a substantive response, be advised that your right to appeal any denial of information, in whole or in part, will not be prejudiced in any way. In the event of a partial or total denial, you will be afforded 60 calendar days from the date of denial in which to appeal.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (571) 305-9092.

Sincerely,

CARIN M. COZZA
LT, JAGC, USN